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TAGS: AINF, CASC, CPRS, TU (FORTIN, DOUGLAS LAWRENCE)

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (DOUGLAS LAWRENCE FORTIN)

REF: ANKARA 6138

1. DEPARTMENT PROCESSED REQUEST BY ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
FIRESTONE COMPANY UNDER PROVISIONS OF FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT.

2. DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND FOLLOWING IS TEXT
OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 11, WHICH ACCOMPANIED DOCUMENTS
BEING RELEASED: MR. E. LEE HORTON; BELCHER, BENZIE AND
BIEGENZAHN LAW OFFICES; SECURITY PACIFIC PLAZA, SUITE
3650; 333 SOUTH HOPE STREET; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

3. DEAR MR. HORTON; "YOUR LETTERS OF APRIL 12 AND
JUNE 18, 1976, ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR
TO TURKEY, THE HONORABLE WILLIAM B. MACOMBER, HAVE BEEN
FORWARDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, FOR RESPONSE. IN YOUR
LETTERS, YOU REQUEST ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN
CONNECTION WITH AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN WHICH
DOUGLAS L. FORTIN WAS INVOLVED NEAR ESKISEHIR, TURKEY,
ON MAY 22, 1974.

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"THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE HAS FORWARDED THE

DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, ANKARA, TO THIS BUREAU FOR REVIEW. MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY BE RELEASED: 1. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT FROM ESKISEHIR COUNTY CHIEF OF POLICE. 2. REPORT ENTITLED "THE HAPPENING CONFIGURATION OF THE ACCIDENT." (2 COPIES) 3. STATEMENT, SIGNED BY BEHCET V. OZSOY. 4. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND RECEIPT FOR DISPOSAL OF THE VEHICLE (2 COPIES IN TURKISH). 5. DRAWING OF ACCIDENT SITE. 6. FORM NO. 06553 (IN TURKISH). 7. AUTOMOBILE RELEASE, SIGNED BY MR. FORTIN, DATED MAY 24, 1974 (IN ENGLISH AND TURKISH). 8. COPY OF YOUR LETTERS TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, DATED APRIL 12 AND JUNE 18, 1976. 9. COPY OF LETTER TO YOU FROM RICHARD S. MANN, DATED JULY 8, 1976. "THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, WILL CONTACT YOU REGARDING THE RELEASED MATERIAL.

" THE OTHER DOCUMENTATION IN THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FORMS AND RELATED CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE INJURY INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT, IS BEING WITHHELD. THIS MATERIAL CONTAINS PERSONAL MEDICAL FILES AND SIMILAR INFORMATION, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY. IT IS THEREFORE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION (B)(6) OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC 552), AS WELL AS UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT PROVISIONS (5 USC 552A).

"YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THIS DETERMINATION TO THE COUNCIL ON CLASSIFICATION POLICY UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S REGULATION ON APPEALS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED, SHOULD YOU CARE TO CONSIDER THAT COURSE."

4. NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED OF POST AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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